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Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The President has directed that the Bureau of the Budget and the National Security Resources Board carefully examine the current stockpiling program and its objectives and advise him concerning their adequacy and timeliness from the standpoint of security.

An estimate of the time element inherent in the risk of war must necessarily be one of the basic points considered in providing such a review for the President.

I have been asked by the Bureau of the Budget-NSRB Committee working on this review to ascertain for them your answer to the following question:

What are the possibilities that the USSR will  
provoke an all out attack against the U.S.  
before the end of 1953? Before the end of 1956?

Sincerely,

/s/

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